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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Giordano and Xavier	Art Unit:	1636
Serial No.:	09/437,458	Examiner:	G. Leffers Jr.
Filed:	November 10, 1999	Customer No.:	21559
Title:	NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES AND METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING COMPOUNDS THAT AFFECT RNA/RNA BINDING PROTEIN INTERACTIONS AND mRNA FUNCTIONALITY		

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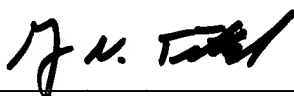
Applicants respectfully appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated September 10, 2003, in which the Office finally rejected claims 3, 28, and 32-37 of the above-captioned patent application.

Enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is a Petition to extend the period for replying to the rejection for three months, to and including March 10, 2004.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$165.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) for this Notice of Appeal. If there are any additional charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

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